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Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Youthful Offender Block Grant (JJCPA-YOBG)

2026 Consolidated Annual Plan

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Government Code Section 30061(b)(4) and Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(b) call for consolidation of the annual plans required for JJCPA and YOBG.

Please submit your most up-to-date consolidated plan.

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Part I. Service Needs, Priorities & Strategy – (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(A))

A. Assessment of Existing Services

Include here an assessment of existing law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, health, social services, drug and alcohol, and youth services resources that specifically target at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families.

The Humboldt County Probation Department (HCPD) conducted its initial comprehensive juvenile system assessment in 1996 in relation to the Juvenile Crime Enforcement and Accountability Challenge Grant Program (SB 1760, 1996), which was the precursor to the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act. Extensive information was gathered to reflect and depict the Humboldt County community profile, juvenile system operations, juvenile population trends, juvenile arrest trends, case processing trends, at-risk and juvenile offender profiles, high-risk neighborhoods/community areas, continuum of services/sanctions, and resource assessments to develop this plan. The plan contains programs, placements, strategies, services, and system enhancements that will be supported with JJCPA and/or YOBG funds for the upcoming fiscal year.

The local plan continues to be reviewed, monitored, and updated on a regular basis during quarterly Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (MAJJCC) meetings. The local MAJJCC by-laws identify membership as consisting of, at minimum, representatives of the entities listed in Section 749.22 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, in addition to a representative from the juvenile court and a community youth. Currently, the positions held for a community-based drug and alcohol program and a community youth are vacant. Effort has been made to recruit a representative from a community-based drug and alcohol program, but that effort has not been fruitful and there are few such programs to recruit from. The position held for a non-profit community-based organization serving youth and families, is currently filled by a representative from the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods' Teen Court Program. The MAJJCC meets quarterly in a public meeting to discuss juvenile justice issues and review local data. Members of the public are invited to participate in the meetings representing a variety of viewpoints including, but not limited to, the Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDP), Project Rebound, and representatives from Tribes and organizations serving Indigenous people.

Each fall, the MAJJCC assesses the existing law enforcement, probation, educational, mental health, health, social, drug and alcohol, and youth services that are designed to offer resources to youth and families identified as having a high number of risk factors that may put them at a greater likelihood of system encounters and involvement. This year's review noted the following as the most frequently used services in Humboldt:

County Department Of Health and Human Services, school resource officers, Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods, Teen Court, Two Feathers Native American Family Services, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Family Resource Centers, Redwood Community Action Agency, Youth Services Bureau, Ink People, The Parent Project, Humboldt County Office of Education, Northern Humboldt Diversion Program, United Indian Health Services, Project Rebound, Rising Scholars, Redwood Community Services, Environmental Alternatives, K'ima:w Medical Center, Waterfront Recovery Services, Humboldt Recovery Center, Crossroads, and Cal Poly Humboldt's Youth Education Services. Valuable services that are less frequently referred to due to eligibility or appropriateness include: Changing Tides, North Coast Indian Development Council, Transitional Housing Program, The Raven Project, Yurok Wellness Court, Humboldt County Job Market Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Program; California Department of Rehabilitation, Nurse Family Partnership, and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The Humboldt County Probation Department is always seeking information on new services and programs to support youth and families in Humboldt County.

Describe what approach will be used to facilitate collaboration amongst the organizations listed above and support the integration of services.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 2083, and additional Section 16521.6 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, the County has adopted a memorandum of understanding setting forth the roles and responsibilities of agencies and other entities that serve children and youth in foster care who have experienced severe trauma. This builds upon existing relationships between the County's Child Welfare Services, Probation, and Behavioral Health Departments; the County Office of Education; Redwood Coast Regional Center; and community partners who are focused on youth of concern.

This agreement also affirms the work of the Interagency Placement Committee (IPC). The IPC consists of representatives from the MOU's signatories and is intended to provide oversight of youth of concern, youth with complex care needs, reasonable candidates, or youth at risk of placement, ensure reunification and reentry efforts, and to determine appropriate levels of service for youth. IPC will include the appropriate Tribal representatives when discussing a Tribal citizen youth.

The MAJJCC reinforces collaboration and strengthens integrated services through relationships with community providers at quarterly meetings.

B. Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas

Identify and prioritize the neighborhoods, schools, and other areas of the county that face the most significant public safety risk from juvenile crime.

In calendar year 2025, the greater Eureka area and Eureka Police Department specifically, were the largest source of juvenile delinquency referrals in the county. This was followed by the Fortuna Police Department and thirdly by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department. The number of referrals received from each of the three agencies only varied by a few cases. It is important to note that the areas within the county that experienced the highest rates of juvenile crime resulting in referrals to probation were, in descending order, Eureka, Fortuna, and Arcata. These communities also represent the greatest population centers. The three most common offenses for juvenile referrals were assault; resist, delay, or obstruct a peace officer; and a three-way tie between burglary; being under the influence; and driving without a valid California Driver License. Agency partners continue to identify the lack of mental health services for youth as an area of concern and note the need for a wide spectrum of services, ranging from diversion to crisis hospitalization. There are simply not enough service providers to support the youth in Humboldt County. Those requiring hospitalization are observed in the emergency room while awaiting a bed space at an adolescent mental health hospital out of the area. Lack of mental health services places a young person at higher likelihood of being cited for criminal behavior. This is attributed to youth acting out such as through vandalism or assault and battery. Increasing mental health treatment opportunities could lead to a further reduction in criminal behaviors for youth throughout the service continuum.

C. Juvenile Justice Action Strategy

Describe your county's juvenile justice action strategy. Include an explanation of your county's continuum of responses to juvenile crime and delinquency as well as a description of the approach used to ensure a collaborative and integrated approach for implementing a system of swift, certain, and graduated responses for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders.

Humboldt County's Juvenile Justice Action strategy focuses on assessing youth to identify early on those who are most suitable for diversion and those whose risk to the community and risk for reoffending is great enough that they warrant referral to the District Attorney and consideration for wardship under Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Youth who are suitable for diversion may be referred directly to community-based diversion programs in lieu of referral to probation. When probation does receive a referral, it is assessed for suitability for direct referral to Teen Court, to our internal diversion

program, or for referral to the District Attorney's Office. Whenever suitable based on assessment, efforts are made to divert youth from the juvenile delinquency system. This supports the early part of the continuum of responses and ensures that only the youth with the highest risk of reoffending enter wardship under section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

To assess youth, HCPD utilizes the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI), which is a validated risk assessment tool, on all youth presented for detention. A Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT) is considered and completed for all youth at risk of being exploited. The Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) is used to identify protective factors, needs, and risk to reoffend for all youth being referred to the Probation Department for delinquent behavior. Youth assessed as low risk to reoffend are placed on community or department diversion and referred to culturally appropriate community practices to further support creating a positive childhood experience. Youth assessed as low risk, but who owe victim restitution, or youth assessed as moderate risk to reoffend are also granted short-term informal contracts under the supervision of a diversion officer. The informal contracts typically include referrals to services addressing identified needs of the youth and/or family including case management services in the community. A diversion officer attends School Attendance Review Board meetings throughout the county with the objective of diverting youth to appropriate community and family support services to resolve issues resulting in truancy and facilitates The Parent Project.

Youth assessed as high risk to reoffend or repeat offenders are not eligible for diversion services. These youth participate in the juvenile justice system wherein the court determines the least restrictive and most appropriate level of placement and service array.

HCPD will be implementing a plan to complete IP-CANS as part of Child Family Team Meetings to be enveloped in the case plan for placement youth.

D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions

Describe how your Plan has been updated for this year:

In addition to the HCPD's assessment and diversion efforts, Humboldt County has leveraged JJCPA dollars to support early community intervention efforts. This includes the Humboldt Bridges to Wellness (HBTW) program. The HBTW program was originally developed through a Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) grant and led to the formation of regionally based crisis-triage teams. These teams, made up of county-based Mental Health Clinicians and school district hired staff, provided crisis response and linkage to services to students throughout the county. The program provided an important resource for schools to have streamlined access to mental health services. While the grant funds that supported the school district hired staff sunset

in 2022, JJCPA funds are used to maintain two HBTW clinicians. The current funding is approved through the fiscal year 2026/27.

Revisions to the plan due to a new grant cycle include the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods. New additions include First 5 Humboldt, providing positive parenting programs, and the Youth Ambassador Program with Two Feathers Native American Family Services, providing paid employment, leadership training, and mentorship in a culturally centered environment.

In fiscal year 26-27, JJCPA funds will be used to support the Humboldt County Teen Court in the Eel River valley and greater Eureka area. Teen Court programs include Teen Court Hearings, a peer-led restorative justice court, Teen Lounge, a safe space designed by teens, Attendance Councils, YOUth Choose, a brief intervention for substance using adolescents, youth Volunteer Program, and to further Teen Court leadership development.

If your Plan has not been updated this year, explain why no changes to your plan are necessary:

Part II. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) – (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4))

A. Information Sharing and Data

Describe your information systems and their ability to facilitate the sharing of data across agencies within your county. Describe the data obtained through these systems and how those data are used to measure the success of juvenile justice programs and strategies.

HCPD utilizes an integrated case management system, the Juvenile and Adult Management System (JAMS), to track all juvenile, detention, and adult probation data. This platform is a Microsoft Windows-based program and HCPD has programmed several SQL reports to inform internal practices, quality control, and report data of interest to community partners. HCPD contracts with the noble Software Group for use of a suite of web-based assessment tools, including DRAI, CSE-IT, and PACT. The Noble software is integrated with JAMS to assist in the preparation of individualized case plans that incorporate resources targeted at supporting protective factors and addressing criminogenic needs. JAMS data also populates court paperwork as necessary.

JAMS data fields include relevant personal demographic and social history information, as well as detail related to all detentions, placements, and juvenile probation referrals. Case management details are also tracked within JAMS, allowing HCPD to evaluate the implementation of evidence-based practices such as Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) for fidelity to the model and provide feedback to staff regarding performance and skill development. HCPD inputs information in the Child Welfare Services Case Management System (CWS/CMS/CARES) to document activities with family finding, Child and Family Team Meetings, Wraparound services, and out of home placements.

The HCPD employs two Administrative Analysts who design custom reports from Power BI, and Crystal Reports among other data sources to present to MAJJCC, the JJDPC, and other interagency groups overseeing integrated programs and practices. These reports are used to inform the county System Improvement Plan (SIP) in improving out of home placement services and reunification efforts, applications for grants to address specific community service gaps, strategic planning, and updating the juvenile justice plan.

Reports regarding detention and referral trends, racial disproportionality, case outcomes, and recidivism are regularly shared with community agency providers. Reports are also instrumental in workload and resource management. These reports identify opportunities to provide continuous quality improvement trainings.

B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils:

Does your county have a fully constituted Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) as prescribed by Welfare & Institutions Code Section 749.22?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If no, please explain what vacancies exist on your JJCC, when those vacancies began, and your plan for filling them:

The Humboldt County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meets regularly on a quarterly basis. Representatives include all statutorily described entities except for a community-based drug and alcohol program. There is no entity in Humboldt County that meets the criterion of youth serving Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Behavioral Health is the only substance abuse disorder treatment provider for youth in the county and they are represented on the council. The Humboldt County Probation Department is always seeking information on

new services and programs to support youth and families in Humboldt County. There is a program serving Indigenous families that provides SUD counseling to Indigenous youth, and they have been invited to participate but do not seem to have the capacity to do so at this time.

C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the templates below, provide details for each program, strategy, and/or system enhancement that will be funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), identifying any program that is co-funded with Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funds.

To include multiple programs, copy and paste the template fields "1. Program Name," "2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based," and "3. Description" as many times as necessary.

JJCPA Funded Program, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

1. Program Name:

Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods (BGCR) – Teen Court

2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

In fiscal year 2024/25, Humboldt County Teen Court saw recidivism rates of 10.3% for the year based on cases that had closed out, a .6% decrease from the previous fiscal year. 89.7% of youth successfully completed the program, avoiding formal justice involvement. Exit surveys showed that almost 85% of respondents found the restorative assignments appropriate or fair, and 100% felt it had made either a positive impact or improvement on them. Youth were quoted saying, "I have learned that what I did wasn't right, but also it helped me to be a better person," and, "I think about my choices before I do them." 73% of parents who participated in the exit surveys said they thought Teen Court had made an improvement or positive impact on their youth. One parent said their youth, "has a better understanding of consequences than she did before."

3. Description:

Teen Court is a peer led restorative justice court working with youth throughout the County from offices in two locations. Trained youth volunteers' partner with Adult Mentors to serve as Advocates, Facilitator, Foreperson, and Jury members to run a real court process. The mentors include local judges, attorneys, and caring community members bringing perspective of both the client, victim, and volunteer. Through the process a meaningful, restorative plan is developed that allows the client to take accountability for their actions, mend relationships that have been harmed, and improve themselves and their community.

1. Program Name:

BGCR YOUth Choose

2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

In fiscal year 2024/25, Boys & Girls Club YOUTH Choose brief substance use intervention program saw a 60% successful completion rate. 42% said the frequency of their use was reduced and 37% said they had no use at all.

3. Description:

YOUTH Choose is a one-on-one brief substance use early intervention program meeting two – three times. Youth are provided space to reflect on their alcohol and drug use, learn new skills to reduce substance use, and develop healthy realistic goals.

1. Program Name:

BGCR Attendance Council

2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

In fiscal year 2024/25, 100% of youth who participated in attendance council did not go on to reoffend, bringing the recidivism rate to zero percent.

3. Description:

Attendance Council is a school-based program that works with youth at risk of being referred to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) due to truancy and absenteeism. BGCR partners with schools, families, and youth to address barriers to attendance, and support the youth in school engagement. Attendance Councils reduce absences and truancy which leads to student success in the classroom. The goal of Attendance Council is to increase attendance to 90% per year.

1. Program Name:

BGCR Teen Lounge

2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

In fiscal year 2024/25, the total number of youths attending Teen Lounge per month increased by 52%. Average daily attendance per month also increased by 85%, suggesting that not only are more youth participating monthly, but daily attendance is getting higher over time.

3. Description:

Teen Lounge is a safe support group providing one on one mentoring, game and movie nights, tutoring, activities focused on college preparation, overnight field trips to visit college campuses, and workforce development programs geared toward system impacted youth. The lounge focuses on cultivating a non-judgmental, relaxed, compassionate environment to empower youth to reconceptualize themselves as capable, valuable, and worthy.

1. Program Name:

Humboldt Bridges to Wellness Program (HBTW)

2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

HBTW served a total of 174 children or youth from May 2025 through April 2026

They received 105 referrals from the beginning of the school year in August 2026 to present.

3. Description:

Crisis-triage teams provide school based mental health interventions and supports to students who are in crisis or at risk of crisis. The program goal is to prevent suicide and attempted suicide, incarceration, school failure or dropout, unemployment, prolonged suffering, homelessness, removal of children from their homes, and involuntary mental health detentions.

1. Program Name:

First 5 Positive Parent Program (Triple P)

2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Triple P is an evidence-based parenting program. 100% of responding families reported Triple P was a positive experience and was helpful for them and their family. 79% reported they felt more confident as a parent after participating.

3. Description:

Triple P is offered in both English and Spanish for families parenting children 0-18 years throughout the greater Humboldt County area. The curriculum is adapted to ensure cultural and community relevance. First 5 provides meals, childcare, and incentives for participating families to reduce barriers and increase participation.

1. Program Name:

Two Feathers Youth Ambassador Program

2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Two Feathers designed its program based on a youth leadership development program logic model which lays out interventions and intended outcomes of the program. In FY 24/25, 47 youth were enrolled, and overall program retention holds steady at 90 percent, which is higher than most youth employment or mental health programs. Alumni from the program report “increased confidence, reduced substance use, and stronger cultural identity,” having gone on to “pursue long-term employment, post-secondary education, and leadership roles within their communities.”

3. Description:

The youth Ambassador Program offers 50 youth ages 16-22 paid part time employment, leadership training, transportation to work sites, and small group mentorship in a trauma-informed, culturally centered environment.

Part III. Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) – (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(a).

A. Strategy for Non-707(b) Offenders

Describe your county's overall strategy for dealing with non-707(b) youthful offenders who are not eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice. Explain how this Plan relates to or supports that strategy.

HCPD's New Horizons Program continues to offer a local, detention based behavioral modification program allowing local youth to remain in the county of jurisdiction and near their family or other supporting adults. The program is a six-month, secure detention treatment program with a broad array of services to address mental health, substance use disorders (SUD), education needs, and independent living skills. Transitional re-entry planning supports youth and families through Child Family Team Meetings (CFTM) and intensive supervision upon release. Service providers offer a continuity of service while the youth participate in the detention and aftercare phases of the program. HCOE offers classes in the classroom setting while youth are detained, and this includes an Alcohol and Other Drug prevention and education course.

B. Regional Agreements

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements to be supported with YOBG funds.

NA

C. Funded Programs, Placements, Services, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the templates below, provide details for each program, strategy, and/or system enhancement that will be funded by the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG). Explain how they complement or coordinate with the programs, strategies and system enhancements to be funded through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) program.

To include multiple programs, copy and paste the template fields "1. Program Name," "2. Nature of Coordination with JJCPA," and "3. Description" as many times as necessary.

YOBG Funded Program, Placement, Service, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, placement, service, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

1. Program Name:

New Horizons Program

2. Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

Humboldt County's Juvenile Justice Action strategy focuses on assessing, identifying, and diverting youth from the juvenile delinquency system. It supports the early part of the continuum of responses and ensures that only youth with the highest risk of reoffending enter wardship under section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). A youth must be a 602 WIC Ward and be court ordered to the New Horizons program to participate.

HCPD uses validated assessment tools to assess each youth's risk to reoffend and risk of further victimization and exploitation. We provide the least restrictive intervention that is suitable in consideration of community safety and the youth's needs. Consideration is given to community or department diversion with culturally appropriate community practices to support youth and families in the family home.

Youth assessed as high risk to reoffend and/or repeat offenders are not eligible for diversion services. These youth participate in the juvenile justice system wherein the court determines the least restrictive and most appropriate level of placement and service array. This could include youth being ordered to serve a commitment in the New Horizons Program where they and their family receive opportunities to engage in local services that provide support as they transition and reenter to the community.

3. Description:

The program is a six-month, secure detention treatment program with a broad array of services to address mental health, substance use disorders (SUD), educational needs,

and independent living skills. Transitional re-entry planning supports youth and families through Child Family Team Meetings (CFTM) and intensive supervision upon release. Service providers offer a continuity of service while the youth participate in the detention and aftercare phases of the program. HCOE offers classes in the classroom setting while youth are detained, and this includes an Alcohol and Other Drug prevention and education course.

1. Program Name:

The Ink People Center for Arts and Culture

2. Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

Youth assessed as high risk to reoffend and/or repeat offenders are not eligible for diversion services. These youth participate in the juvenile justice system wherein the court determines the least restrictive and most appropriate level of placement and service array. This could include youth being ordered to serve a commitment in the New Horizons Program where they and their family receive opportunities to engage in local services that provide support as they transition and reenter to the community.

3. Description:

The Media Arts Resource Zone (MARZ) Project provides Humboldt and Del Norte youth aged 12 to 24 tools to help express themselves. Students in the New Horizons Program participate in music and art to bring their creative vision to life. Upon release they have free access to music, animation, video, equipment, software, and training to aid in developing their artistic expression.